SET FREE, SHE LEAVES MYSTERY BEHIND HER.

No One Can Tell Why "Bessie Thompson" Was Arrested, Nor When.

Station Records-Not at the Address She Gave.

Hasty in Letting the Young Woman Off.

POLICE THINK IT A CLEVER ESCAPE.

6he Told a Story of Arrest by Men in Plain Clothes While She Was After Medicine for a Sick Sister-No Sister to Be Found.

The case of Miss Bessie Thompson caused more trouble in Jefferson Market Police Court yesterday than the cases of all the other sixty female prisoners together.



ARREST ON STREET -

STATION HOUSE

No Such Name on the Police An Unknown Woman, Whom the Police SHE LOVES CHINATOWN

Think a Kleptomaniac, Is Held for Shoplitting.

A respectable looking, plainly dressed woman, about forty-eight years old, is Police Court in default of \$1,000 ball. She was bound over by Magistrate Cornell to

was bound over by Magistrate Cornell to await the action of the Grand Jury on the charge of grand larceny. She was arrested by Mrs. Mary Plunkett, a private detective in a Fourteenth street dry goods store, who said she saw the woman attempt to steal two cloaks, valued at about \$30.

The woman admitted her guilt, and, bursting into tears, said she had never stolen anything before.

The police say she is unknown to them, and they do not thin kher a professional shoplifter. The officer in charge of the jall yesterday said that he thought she was probably a kleptomaniac.

She is gray-haired and thin-faced, about 5 feet 5 inches in height. She is registered as Mrs. Jane Allenson, of No. 1244 Cortland street, Brooklyn, but there is no such street in the city nor such a name in the Directory.

A well-dressed man, about thirty years old, who said he was her son, Percy Allenson, was in court, but refused to discuss the matter.

SISTER SEEKS SISTER.

BETTER THAN MOTHER.

Molly Weldon Ran Away from Home.

Two Months, but Is Unmoved by Her Tears.

Preference, but She Has Been Sent to the House of the Good Shepherd.

KATE SHERIDAN DIES, CHARGING A MURDER.

Perhaps Magistrate Cornell Was Too locked the food and that her Dr. Daly Diagnosed It Differently, Perhaps Magistrate Cornell Was Too locked the food and that her Dr. Daly Diagnosed It Differently, Perhaps Magistrate Cornell Was Too locked to book had disappeared. The de-Enough to Say She Was Assaulted.

> Found by Her Aged Parent After Her Refusal to Reveal the Name of Took It All as a Good Joke, but Re-Her Assailant Baffles the Police.

> IN A LAUNDRY WITH MONGOLIANS, DEATH COMES BEFORE HER HUSBAND. POLICE SAY SHE IS A JAIL BIRD.

Had Not Lived with Her for Nine Years and Last Saw Her Six Weeks Ago.

SISTER SEKS SISTER.

Minnie and Hannah Hoerning Were Separated at the Westchester Temporary Home, and Are Miss.ng.

A personal printed in the city papers yesterday disclosed a strange story of two sisters who have been seeking each other for three years. The personal reads as follows:

Minnie Hoerning and Ber sister Hannah were lumates of the Westchester Temporary Home. In 1835 Hannah was bound out to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Smith, of Port Chester, N. Y., for a term of eight years. A contract was signed, which pirovided that the girl should have the usual was a signed, which pirovided that the girl should have the usual was a signed, which pirovided that the girl should have the usual was a signed, which pirovided that the girl should have the usual was a signed, which pirovided that the girl should have the usual was a signed, which pirovided that the girl should have the usual was a signed, which pirovided that the girl should have the usual was a signed, which pirovided that the girl should have the usual was a signed, which pirovided that the girl should have the usual was a signed, which pirovided that the girl should have the usual was a signed, which pirovided that the girl should have the usual was a signed, which pirovided that the girl should have the usual was a cleared from her home and all efforts to find her falled. Her aged mother, home, no 149 Cherry street, and all efforts to find her falled. Her aged mother, home, no 149 Cherry street, and all efforts to find her falled. Her aged mother, home, no 149 Cherry street, and all efforts to find her falled. Her aged mother, home, no 149 Cherry street, and all efforts to find her falled. Her aged mother, home, no 149 Cherry street, and all efforts to find her falled. Her aged mother, home, no 149 Cherry street, and all efforts to find her falled. Her aged mother, home, no 149 Cherry street, and all efforts to find her falled. Her aged mother, home, no 149 Cherry street, and all efforts to find her falled. Her aged mother, home, no 149 Cherry street, and

companions.

"Oh, Molly, that I should have lived to At the Second Avenue Bridge. Her skull appeared to be fractured, but despite this she walked with the policeman to the precinct station—a distance of several blocks.

But the girl only laughed. She said she There, it is said, she appeared to have

LOURT IN THE PATROL

PRETTY PICKPOCKET

the Detective and She Was Arrested.

fused to Tell Anything of Her History.

Smoking and Chatting with Them Is Her He Reaches the Hospital Soon Afterward. Captain O'Brien Says She Has Served Several Terms-Remanded to the Care of Detectives to Await More Evidence.

Molly Weldon is young, pretty vivacious and wayward. On her stxteenth birthday, found at the Second Avenue Bridge, over natty bicycle costume, wearing diamond



"You are the detective here, are you not?

"Yes."

shall watch her."

wheeled up to the store of Bloomingdale Brothers, at Fifty-ninth street and Third avenue, and went inside. Soon she tripped spoorly dressed, and having an old black lightly up to Private Detective Oestreicher shawl around her head, sat down in front cable cars on Third avenue in a supposed of No. 15 Forsyth street early yesterday attempt to end her life. morning.

Policeman McManus, of the Oak Street
Station, who arrested the woman at Eighth

put her hand into the pocket of Mrs. Zelmer, of Lexington avenue and Sixty-WHO RIDES A WHEEL, put her hand into the pocket of Mrs. Zelmer, of Lexington avenue and Sixty-fourth street. The girl then walked way. The detective asked the woman if she

had lost anything, and she found that her pocket book had disappeared. The detective arrested the gir. Just as she was about to mount her wheel. She had a pocket book that Mrs, Zeimer Identified as her own.

The girl took her arrest with the greatest nonchalance, and laughed heartily on the way to the station about the young woman with the blue walst, In Yorkville Court yesterday morning, Mrs. Zeimer did not appear, and Detectives Farley and Keating, of the East Sixtyseventh Street Station, had Magistrate Flammer remand the girl in their charge, as there were several complaints against her.

than the other, however, for he thought he recognized her. He followed her to the linen counter and thought he saw her Police and Ambulance Surgeon

her.

Captain O'Brien, of the Detective Bureau, says that he arrested the Kumpf girl five years ago in the act of picking a woman's pocket on Sixth avenue. He says she has served several terms in prison.

Ceive Treatment.

"Cussedness" is a new disease that the years ago in the act of picking a woman's are treating at Bellevue Hospital. At least, that is the official diagnosis made by

and First Developed at Bellevue Hospital.

Thought It Was Nothing but Insanity.

It Is Called "Cussedness,"

ANOTHER DISEASE.

SCIENCE DISCOVERS

However, and Made a Most Wonderful Find.

SYMPTOMS OF THE NEW AILMENT,

They Are Fainting and a Disposition to Do Other Than What Was Expected. Stacia Corcoran First to Receive Treatment.



When she was arrested for throwing herself in front of a Third avenue cable car, the police and the ambulance surgeon who attended her said she was insane, but when she was taken to Bellevue Hospital Dr. Daly, with a single glance, saw that they were wrong. He at once crossed out the word "insanity" on the commitment paper and substituted "cussedness."

Thus it was that the new disease was discovered and officially recognized. Woman Sat Dead in a Doorway. | Dr. Daly, of the hospital staff, in the case

Station, saw her crouched in the doorway street and Third avenue after a cable car "Do you see that young woman in a and told her to move along. She made before which she had thrown herself had blue waist standing at the jewelry coun- no response, and, on trying to rouse her, he been stopped barely in time to save her ter? She has just stolen a couple of gold found she was dead. The body was taken stick pins."

found she was dead. The body was taken to the Morgue. Nothing was found on the superior officers at the station who questick "Thank you," said the detective. "I body to show its identity, and, though it was seen by many women living in the He watched the bicycle girl more closely in neighborhood, none of them recognized it.

It to the Morgue. Nothing was found on the body to show its identity, and, though it was seen by many women living in the manbulance. Surgeon Estler, of Believue, saw no reason to disagree with them, and wrote "insanity" on the slip bearing the girl's name, which he turned in to the record clerk at the hospital.

Dr. Daly was assigned to the case. He glanced at the girl and glanced at the card. Then he picked up a pen, and, scratching out the word "insanity," wrote "cussedness," Then he ordered the girl to the prison ward.

Dr. Daly did not seem to be at all worried about his patient yesterday. He is a young man, and took the honor of having discovered a new disease.

"Oh, it doesn't matter what diagnosis you put down," he said in an off-hand way. "The patients get treated all right, no matter what alls them. No, I don't know yet what are the symptoms of this woman's trouble. I haven't examined her very carefully. She was brought here as a prisoner from the Fourteenth Precinct Police Station, and so she is in the prison ward. The nurses will look after her ail right, no matter what diagnosis is given them. Guess there is not much of anytining the matter with her except inis-

"You see she has been here before, and did not conduct herself just right. 'Cussedness' showed Itself all the time. She came in some days ago with another woman, whom she wished to have received as a patient. She shd not say anything about neing sick berself, but while we were car-ling for the other waman she fell down on the noor of the office in a fit. Isn't that 'cussedness.' I thought she must be sick, and sent her to one of the wards. She did not act in a ladylike way while there. She said the nurses were piotting to kill her. Besides this, she refused to take any medicine. When she got well she was discharged, and went away. Surely that in

"I did not like the way she acted when she was here, and so, when she was brought in last night, i crossed out insamity and wrote 'cussedness.' That is as good as anything else, because it does not matter what you call it, and it's what's the matter with her. Some one said that she had tried to kill herself some time ago, but I don't know anything about that." Stacia Corcoran, or Stacia Osborne, as

Stacia Corcoran, or Stacia Osborne, as she is known at the Florence Mission, where she has been stopping for about six weeks, is apparently about tairty years on, but says she is only twenty-two. She has rold several connecting stories regarding nerseif. She says that she was unmapply married, that her husband died and that her futured her out of doors. Sometimes she says her home was in Albany, and at other times gives it at different towns in New Jersey. She has had several attacks of epilepsy while at the mission, and Dr. Florence, the attending physician, says she has shown marked symptoms of inshe has shown marked symptoms of in

ARRESTED AS A PICKPOCKET.

She gives the name of Annie Kumpf, but will not give her address, nor history. The police say she has served several terms already, though not more than twenty-one or twenty-two years old. She was arrested on a charge of picking pockets at a dry goods store, and was just mounting her wheel when

dress she gave. The police fear she has managed a clever escape, and that the record of her arrest will turn up to prove it.

IN THE (ELL

THE GIRL WHO LEFT A MYSTERY BEHIND HER.

rested, she said, while going after medicine for a sick sister. The clerks could find no record of her arrest at

the police stations, and she was dis charged. Now they cannot find the sister, and she is unknown at the ad-

When brought before Magistrate Cornell she said she had no idea why she was there. She had been ar-

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Wagn and taken to Jefferson Market Police
Court with other prisoners and locked in
the pen until brought here at voon."

"There is no charge here against you,"
Magistrate Cornell said. "I cannot understand why the officers who arrested you are not here to make a complaint. We do
not wish to keep you here unless you wish
to remain. You are at liberty to go."

The girl hurried out of court. The blotter
at the West Thirtieth Street Police Station
Contains no record of the arrest. Captain
Contains no special duty in civilian's
clothes denied making the arrest.

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